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SUBJ: CUBAN EMBASSY DENOUNCES ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTU

1. FRIENDLY EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED US WITH TEXT
OF NOTE CIRCULATED BY CUBAN EMBASSY BUJUMBURA.

2. NOTE TRANSMITS TEXT OF A DECLARATION REPORTEDLY
PUBLISHED BY CUBAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAKING
THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WESTERN PRESS AGENCIES REPORTED JUNE 23
CLAIMS BY MOBUTU THAT HIS ARMED FORCES HAD CAPTURED
CUBAN SOLDIERS DURING CONFRONTATION WITH KATANGA
FORCES IN SHABA.

B. VOICE OF AMERICA LAST SATURDAY ENLARGED
ON THE DECLARATION IN ITS SPANISH MORNING BROADCAST.

C. ACCORDING TO PRESS AGENCIES MOBUTU INVITED
JOURNALISTS WHO INTERVIEWED HIM IN GABON TO COME
TO KINSHASA TO SEE THE PRESUMED CUBAN PRISONERS.

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D. CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAD CATEGORICALLY
DECLARED REPEATEDLY THAT NO CUBAN SOLDIERS
HAD TAKEN PART IN ANY WAY IN THE EVENTS IN SHABA;
MOBUTU DECLARATIONS ADDED UP TO A CYNICAL LIE
WHICH WAS NOT SURPRISING SINCE MOBUTU'S CONDUCT
SHOWED HIS SHAMELESS "CONCUBINAGE" WITH THOSE WHO
WITHIN THE NORTH AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAD

ORCHESTRATED THE LIE ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF CUBAN SOLDIERS IN THE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE KATANGESE IN SHABA.

E. THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT REITERATED THAT THE ACCUSATIONS WERE ENTIRELY FALSE AND CALLED UPON MUBUTU TO SHOW THE PRESS CORRESPONDENTS OF THE ENTIRE WORLD THE ALLEGED CUBAN SOLDIERS HE SAID HE HAD CAPTURED.

F. DESPITE THE SOPHISTICATED LIE INTENDED TO DECEIVE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION AND JUSTIFY NATO INTERVENTION IN AFRICA THE LIES WOULD BE UNMASKED AND THE TRUTH WOULD TRIUMPH.

G. THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT ALERTED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT MOBUTU WHOSE CONNECTIONS WITH CIA AND OTHER IMPERIALIST SECRET SERVICES WERE WELL KNOWN WAS WORKING FOR THESE SERVICES AND WOULD TRY TO SHOW AS PRISONERS, CUBAN COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES PROVIDED BY THE CIA OR CUBAN CITIZENS KIDNAPPED IN AN AFRICAN COUNTRY OR SOME OTHER COUNTRY.

H. SINCE MOBUTU HAD GIVEN TENS OF THOUSANDS
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OF SQUARE KILOMETERS OF ZAIRE TERRITORY TO THE WEST GERMAN MONOPOLY OTRAG, WAS BEGGING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM IMPERIALIST POWERS TO DIMINISH CRISIS IN WHICH HE HAD PLUNGED THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE BY DELIVERY OF THE WEALTH OF THE COUNTRY TO HIS CORRUPT AND NEO-COLONIALIST POLICY, AND PLAYING THE ROLE OF NATO PROSTITUTE IN AFRICA ANYTHING COULD BE EXPECTED FROM SOMEONE LIKE HIM BECAUSE OF HIS "CONCUBINAGE" WITH THE SINISTER US-CIA.

I. CUBAN GOVERNMENT WAS CONVINCED THAT ALL LIES WOULD BE UNMASKED. THE TIME WAS PAST WHEN A LIE COULD CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A FALSE MORAL COVER FOR THE INCREASING APPETITE OF THE COLONIAL POWERS.

3. COMMENT: THE CUBANS APPARENTLY INTEND TO HAVE THEIR CAKE AND EAT IT WHETHER MOBUTU PRODUCES PRISONERS OR NOT.
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